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Claim(s) discussed: <u>1</u> .					
Identification of prior art discussed: <u>U.S. 5,701,511 to Smith</u> .					
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)					
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner requested applicant's representative to cite the support for "a plurality of identification markers and a plurality of audio sequences interlaced between the plurality of identification markers". Given a citation is provided, Examiner believes this language as-is can be rejected under 112 second paragraph for indefiniteness for having two reasonable interpretations (e.g., marker 1 - audio 1 - audio 2, marker 2 etc and marker 1 - audio1, marker 2 audio 2 etc.), the former in need of a citation showing support in the specification and the former and latter anticipated by Smith. Lastly, applicant's representative contends that patentability resides in the fact that Smith teaches of providing two separate audio tracks while applicant's invention has one interlaced track of tick marks and audio files. Examiner respectfully disagrees in limiting the teaching of Smith for Smith was solving the problem of providing a synchronization scheme for use on CD players. A reference is good for all it teaches such that one skilled in the art would reasonably not limit Smith if the intended use was for other than a CD player. Smith provides prior art showing a single audio track. Alternatively, Smith discloses a fixed time line synchronization for the timing scheme whereas applicant teaches of an event driven synchronization sequence. However, a preliminary review of the art reveals U.S. patent No. 5,588,096 to Sato where audio sequences are triggered by events. In this light, it would be obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the event triggers of Sato into the timing scheme of Smith in order to provide a syncronized event triggered audio track.

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